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SUBJ: 7TH UNGA SPECIAL SESSION-NEGOTIATING GROUP NO. 2

(STATUS OF SECTION V--FOOD AND AGRICULTURE)

1. SUMMARY: AS OF CLOSE OF EVENING MEETING 12 SEPTEMBER OF NGO-  
TIATING GROUP NO. 2, REVISED PARAS 1-4, 6-11, AND PARA 14 (ALL  
QUOTED BELOW) HAD BEEN APPROVED AD REFERENDUM WHILE NEGOTIATIONS  
CONTINUED ON PARAS 5, 12, AND 13 ALSO QUOTED BELOW. NEGOTIATING  
GROUP NO. 2 IS SCHEDULED TO RECONVENE ITS WORK AT 11 AM, 13  
SEPTEMBER TO DISCUSS ALL REMAINING OUTSTANDING ISSUES AND  
SECTIONS PROBABLY IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER: SECTION VII-RESTRUCTUR-  
ING OF THE UN; SECTION VI--COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES;  
REMAINING OUTSTANDING PARAS IN SECTION V--FOOD AND AGRICULTURE;  
AND SECTION IV--INDUSTRIALIZATION. END SUMMARY.

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2. THE FOLLOWING INDICATES THE STATUS OF NEGOTIATING GROUP NO. 2  
CONSIDERATION OF SECTION V--FOOD AND AGRICULTURE AS OF THE CLOSE  
OF ITS 12 SEPTEMBER EVENING MEETING.

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V. FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

1. THE SOLUTION TO WORLD FOOD PROBLEMS LIES PRIMARILY IN INCREASING RAPIDLY FOOD PRODUCTION IN THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. TO THIS END, URGENT AND NECESSARY CHANGES IN THE PATTERN OF WORLD FOOD PRODUCTION, SHOULD BE INTRODUCED AND TRADE POLICY MEASURES SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED, IN ORDER TO OBTAIN A NOTABLE INCREASE IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION AND THE EXPORT EARNINGS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. (APPROVED)

2. TO ACHIEVE THESE OBJECTIVES, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN A POSITION TO DO SO SHOULD SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASE THE VOLUME OF ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES FOR AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PRODUCTION; AND THAT DEVELOPED COUNTRIES SHOULD EFFECTIVELY FACILITATE ACCESS TO THEIR MARKETS FOR AGRICULTURAL AND FOOD PRODUCTS OF EXPORT INTEREST TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, BOTH IN RAW AND PROCESSED FORM, AND ADOPT ADJUSTMENT MEASURES, WHERE NECESSARY. (APPROVED)

3. DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SHOULD ACCORD HIGH PRIORITY TO AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT, INCREASE INVESTMENT ACCORDINGLY AND ADOPT POLICIES WHICH GIVE ADEQUATE INCENTIVES TO AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS.

IT IS A RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH STATE CONCERNED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS SOVEREIGN JUDGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT PLANS AND POLICIES, TO PROMOTE INTERACTION BETWEEN EXPANSION OF FOOD PRODUCTION AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC REFORMS WITH A VIEW TO ACHIEVING AN INTEGRATED RURAL DEVELOPMENT.

THE FURTHER REDUCTION OF POST-HARVEST FOOD LOSSES IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN AS A MATTER OF PRIORITY, WITH A VIEW TO REACHING AT LEAST A 50 PERCENT REDUCTION BY 1985. ALL COUNTRIES AND COMPETENT INTERNATIONAL UNCLASSIFIED

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ORGANIZATIONS SHOULD COOPERATE FINANCIALLY AND TECHNICALLY IN THE EFFORT TO ACHIEVE THIS OBJECTIVE.

PARTICULAR ATTENTION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE IMPROVEMENT IN THE SYSTEMS OF DISTRIBUTION OF FOOD STUFFS. (APPROVED)

4. THE CONSULTATIVE GROUP ON FOOD PRODUCTION AND INVESTMENT IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SHOULD QUICKLY IDENTIFY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WITH POTENTIALS FOR MOST RAPID AND EFFICIENT INCREASE OF FOOD PRODUCTION, AS WELL AS THE POTENTIAL FOR RAPID AGRICULTURAL EXPANSION IN OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY THE COUNTRIES WITH FOOD DEFICITS. SUCH AN ASSESSMENT WOULD ASSIST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND THE COMPETENT INTERNATIONAL

ORGANIZATIONS TO CONCENTRATE RESOURCES FOR THE RAPID INCREASE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION IN THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

5. (DEVELOPED) COUNTRIES SHOULD ADOPT POLICIES AIMED AT ENSURING A STABLE SUPPLY AND SUFFICIENT QUANTITY OF FERTILIZERS AND OTHER PRODUCTION INPUTS TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AT REASONABLE PRICES. THEY SHOULD ALSO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO, AND PROMOTE INVESTMENTS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, TO IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY OF THEIR FERTILIZER AND OTHER AGRICULTURAL INPUT INDUSTRIES. ADVANTAGE SHOULD BE TAKEN OF THE MECHANISM PROVIDED BY THE INTERNATIONAL FERTILIZER SUPPLY SCHEME. (APPROVED EXCEPT FOR BRACKETTED WORD)

6. IN ORDER TO MAKE ADDITIONAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE ON CONCESSIONAL TERMS FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND DEVELOPING COQNTRIES IN A POSITION TO DO SO, SHOULD PLEDGE ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT SO AS TO ENABLE IT TO COME INTO BEING BY THE END OF 1975 AND WITH INITIAL RESOURCES OF 1 BILLION SDRS. THEREAFTER, ADDITIONAL RESOURCES SHOULD BE PROVIDED TO THE FUND ON A CONTINUING BASIS. (APPROVED)

7. IN VIEW OF THE SIGNIFICANT IMPACT OF BASIC AND APPLIED AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH ON INCREASING THE QUANTITY AND QUALITY OF FOOD PRODUCTION, DEVELOPED COUNTRIES SHOULD SUPPORT THE EXPANSION OF THE WORK OF THE EXISTING INTERNATIONAL AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH CENTRES. THROUGH THEIR BILATERAL PROGRAMMES THEY UNCLASSIFIED

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SHOULD STRENGTHEN THEIR LINKS WITH THESE INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH CENTRES AND WITH THE NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH CENTRES IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. WITH RESPECT TO NON-FOOD AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY PRODUCTS, RESEARCH AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ON THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE PRODUCTIVITY AND COMPETITIVENESS WITH SYNTHETICS SHOULD BE COORDINATED AND FINANCED THROUGH AN APPROPRIATE MECHANISM. (APPROVED)

8. IN VIEW OF THE IMPORTANCE OF FOOD AID AS A TRANSITIONAL MEASURE, ALL COUNTRIES SHOULD ACCEPT BOTH THE PRINCIPLE OF A MINIMUM FOOD AID TARGET AND THE CONCEPT FOR FORWARD PLANNING OF FOOD AID. THE TARGET FOR THE 1975-1976 SEASON SHOULD BE 10 MILLION TONS OF FOOD GRAINS. THEY SHOULD ALSO ACCEPT THE PRINCIPLE THAT FOOD AID SHOULD BE CHANNELLED ON THE BASIS OF OBJECTIVE ASSESSMENT OF REQUIREMENTS IN THE RECIPIENT COUNTRIES. IN THIS RESPECT ALL COUNTRIES ARE URGED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GLOBAL INFORMATION AND EARLY WARNING SYSTEM ON FOOD AND AGRICULTURE. (APPROVED).

9. DEVELOPED COUNTRIES SHOULD INCREASE THE GRANT COMPONENT OF FOOD AID, WHERE FOOD IS NOT AT PRESENT PROVIDED AS GRANST,

ND SHOULD ACCEPT MULTILATERAL CHANNELLING OF THESE RESOURCES AT AN EXPANDING RATE. IN PROVIDING FOOD GRAINS AND FINANCING OF SOFT TERMS TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN NEED OF SUCH ASSISTANCE, DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME SHOULD TAKE DUE ACCOUNT OF THE INTERESTS OF THE FOOD-EXPORTING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND SHOULD ENSURE THAT SUCH ASSISTANCE INCLUDE WHEREVER POSSIBLE PURCHASES OF FOOD FROM THE FOOD EXPORTING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. (APPROVED)

10. DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN A POSITION TO DO SO SHOULD PROVIDE FOOD GRAINS AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE ON MOST FAVORABLE TERMS TO THE MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED COUNTRIES, TO ENABLE THEM TO MEET THEIR FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT REQUIREMENTS WITHIN THE CONSTRAINTS OF THEIR BALANCE-OF-PAYMENT POSITION. DONOR COUNTRIES SHOULD ALSO PROVIDE AID ON SOFT TERMS, IN CASH AND KIND, THROUGH BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL CHANNELS, TO ENABLE THE MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED COUNTRIES TO OBTAIN THEIR ESTIMATED REQUIREMENT OF ABOUT ONE MILLION UNCLASSIFIED

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TONS OF PLANT-NUTRIENTS DURING 1975-76. (APPROVED)

11. DEVELOPED COUNTRIES SHOULD CARRY OUT, BOTH THEIR BI-LATERAL AND MULTILATERAL FOOD AID CHANNELLING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCEDURES OF THE FAO INTERNATIONAL PRINCIPLES OF SURPLUS DISPOSAL SO

AS TO AVOID CAUSING UNDUE FLUCTUATIONS IN MARKET PRICES OR THE DISRUPTION OF COMMERCIAL MARKETS FOR EXPORTS OF INTEREST TO EXPORTING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. (APPROVED)

12. ALL COUNTRIES SHOULD SUBSCRIBE TO THE INTERNATIONAL UNDERTAKING ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY. BEGIN BRACKET THEY SHOULD BUILD UP AND MAINTAIN INTERNATIONAL FOOD GRAIN RESERVES OF AT LEAST 30 MILLION TONS NATIONALLY HELD AND STRATEGICALLY LOCATED IN DEVELOPING AND DEVELOPED, IMPORTING AND EXPORTING COUNTRIES TO COVER FORESEEABLE MAJOR PRODUCTION SHORT-FALLS. DEVELOPED COUNTRIES SHOULD PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO ENABLE THEM TO BUILD UP AND MAINTAIN THEIR SHARES OF SUCH RESERVES. CLOSE BRACKETS (PARAGRAPH STILL UNDER NEGOTIATION)

13. BEGIN BRACKET AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN A POSITION TO DO SO SHOULD EARMARK STOCKS AND/OR FUNDS TO ATTAIN A TARGET OF 500,000 TONS OF FOOD GRAINS AS INTERNATIONAL EMERGENCY RESERVE, TO BE DEPLOYED THROUGH MULTILATERAL CHANNELS TO MEET CRISIS SITUATIONS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. CLOSE BRACKETS (PARAGRAPH STILL UNDER NEGOTIATION)

14. MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY RE-AFFIRM THEIR FULL SUPPORT FOR THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE AND CALL UPON THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL TO MONITOR THE IMPLEMENTATION

OF THE PROVISIONS UNDER FOOD AND AGRICULTURE IN THIS ---  
AND TO REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS  
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